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Hongkong, December 16, 1897. 2451

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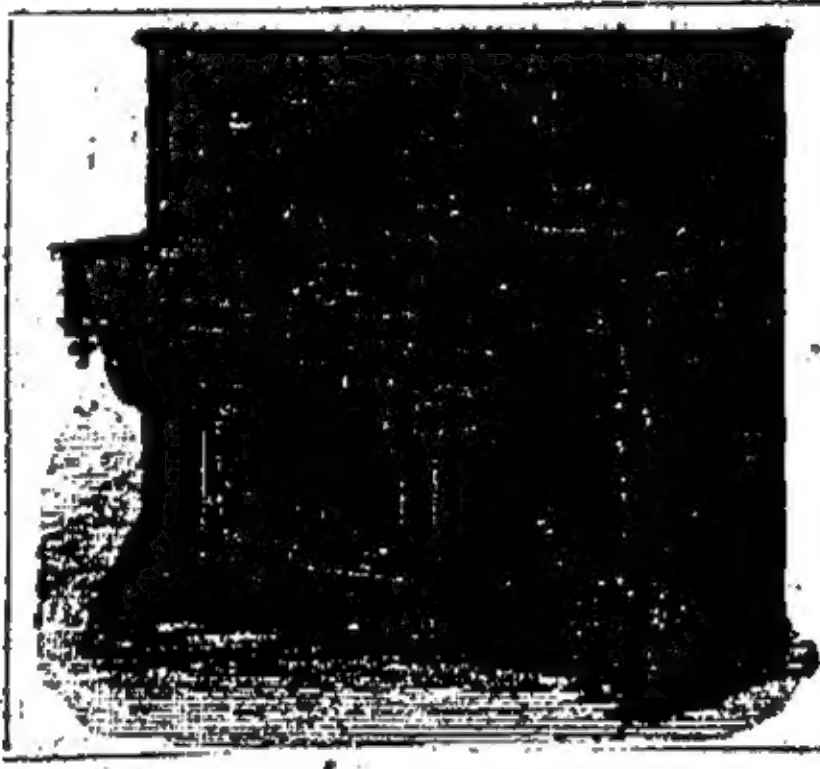
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* See Special Advertisement.

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Hongkong, December 21, 1897. 2476

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The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from the 25th to 31st Instant, both days inclusive.

JOHN D. HUMPHREYS & SON,
General Managers.
Hongkong, December 20, 1897. 2400

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during the CHRISTMAS SEASON.
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The attention of Collectors and others is specially directed to the EXHIBITION OF POSTAGE STAMPS of all kinds, at the Hall of Messrs. GRAHAM & Co., Hongkong Hotel, Lombard.

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Hongkong, December 21, 1897. 2408

CUSTOMS NOTIFICATION
No. 171.

*West River; Boarding Certificate.
ALL VESSELS trading from Hongkong to the West River are required, for purposes of Identification, to comply with the rule hitherto in force for steam launches, viz: they must call at either Cheung-chun or Cheung-chun Custom House and undergo inspection or search by the Customs Officers, who will thereupon provide them with a Boarding Certificate to show that this regulation has been complied with. This Certificate is to be delivered up to the Customs at Mui-choo or Wong-moon on passing into the River.

B. B. DREW,
Commissioner of Customs.
Custom House,
Canton, 27th December, 1897. 2403

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Hongkong, December 15, 1897. 2438

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GOVERNMENT NOTIFICATION.

No. 660.

THE following Particulars and Conditions of SALE OF CROWN LAND by Public Auction, to be held on the Spot, on WEDNESDAY, the 29th day of December, 1897, at 3 p.m., are published for general information.

By Command,
J. H. STEWART LOCKHART,
Colonial Secretary.

Particulars and Conditions of the Letting by Public Auction Sale, to be held on WEDNESDAY, the 29th day of December, 1897, at 3 p.m., by Order of His Excellency the Governor, of One Lot of Crown Land at North Point, in the Colony of Hongkong, for a term of 999 years.

Particulars of the Lot.	Boundary Measurements.	Area.	Value.
Lot No. 1, 1000 sq. ft.	1000 sq. ft.	1000 sq. ft.	1000
Lot No. 2, 1000 sq. ft.	1000 sq. ft.	1000 sq. ft.	1000
Lot No. 3, 1000 sq. ft.	1000 sq. ft.	1000 sq. ft.	1000
Lot No. 4, 1000 sq. ft.	1000 sq. ft.	1000 sq. ft.	1000
Lot No. 5, 1000 sq. ft.	1000 sq. ft.	1000 sq. ft.	1000
Lot No. 6, 1000 sq. ft.	1000 sq. ft.	1000 sq. ft.	1000
Lot No. 7, 1000 sq. ft.	1000 sq. ft.	1000 sq. ft.	1000
Lot No. 8, 1000 sq. ft.	1000 sq. ft.	1000 sq. ft.	1000
Lot No. 9, 1000 sq. ft.	1000 sq. ft.	1000 sq. ft.	1000
Lot No. 10, 1000 sq. ft.	1000 sq. ft.	1000 sq. ft.	1000



GOVERNMENT NOTIFICATION.

No. 661.

THE following Particulars and Conditions of SALE OF CROWN LAND by Public Auction, to be held on the Spot, on THURSDAY, the 30th day of December, 1897, at 3 p.m., are published for general information.

By Command,
J. H. STEWART LOCKHART,
Colonial Secretary.

Particulars and Conditions of the Letting by Public Auction Sale, to be held on THURSDAY, the 30th day of December, 1897, at 3 p.m., by Order of His Excellency the Governor, of One Lot of Crown Land at Wanchai, in the Colony of Hongkong, for a term of 999 years.

Particulars of the Lot.	Boundary Measurements.	Area.	Value.
Lot No. 1, 1000 sq. ft.	1000 sq. ft.	1000 sq. ft.	1000
Lot No. 2, 1000 sq. ft.	1000 sq. ft.	1000 sq. ft.	1000
Lot No. 3, 1000 sq. ft.	1000 sq. ft.	1000 sq. ft.	1000
Lot No. 4, 1000 sq. ft.	1000 sq. ft.	1000 sq. ft.	1000
Lot No. 5, 1000 sq. ft.	1000 sq. ft.	1000 sq. ft.	1000
Lot No. 6, 1000 sq. ft.	1000 sq. ft.	1000 sq. ft.	1000
Lot No. 7, 1000 sq. ft.	1000 sq. ft.	1000 sq. ft.	1000
Lot No. 8, 1000 sq. ft.	1000 sq. ft.	1000 sq. ft.	1000
Lot No. 9, 1000 sq. ft.	1000 sq. ft.	1000 sq. ft.	1000
Lot No. 10, 1000 sq. ft.	1000 sq. ft.	1000 sq. ft.	1000

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Hongkong, August 5, 1897. 1543

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Hongkong, July 12, 1897. 3556

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The Co.'s Steamship

Capt. BARNARD, will be

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Hongkong, December 28, 1897. 2539

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MALAGA.

The Steamship

Lefebvre, Captain BARNARD, will be

despatched as above on

FRIDAY, the 31st Instant, at Noon.

At Bombay the Steamers are discharging

in Victoria Dock.

For further Particulars regarding Freight

and Passage, apply to

CARLOWITZ & Co.,

Agents.

Hongkong, December 28, 1897. 2531

To-day's Advertisements.

DISTRICT GRAND LODGE OF HONGKONG AND SOUTH CHINA.

THE TWENTY-SECOND ANNUAL MEETING of the above Lodge will be held at the Freemasons' Hall, at 8.30 for 9 P.M. EVENING. Visiting Brethren are cordially invited.

A. O. D. GOUDIN,
Secretary,
Hongkong, December 28, 1897. 2538

IN THE SUPREME COURT OF HONGKONG.

IN BANKRUPTCY.

Receiving Order.

No. 12 of 1897.

Re THIBALDO ARIMIDORO BAR-

RADAS residing at No. 30, Elgin

Street, Victoria, Hongkong, Clerk.

Receiving Order dated 9th Dec. 1897.

Petition dated 3rd December, 1897.

Notice of First General Meeting of Creditors.

FRIDAY, the 31st day of December,

1897, at 12 o'clock Noon, precisely,

as has been fixed for the First General MEET-

ING of Creditors in the above Matter, to

be held at the Official Receiver's Office, Land

Office, Queen's Road Central, Victoria

aforesaid.

No Creditor can vote unless he previously

proves his debt.

Forms of Proof and Proxy can be ob-

tained at the Official Receiver's Office during

Office hours.

At the First General Meeting the Creditors

will be asked to consider whether the

Debtor shall be adjudged Bankrupt or

whether they, the Creditors, will entertain

a proposal for a Composition or Scheme of

Arrangement.

Notice of Intended Dividend.

No. 20 of 1897.

Re LEONG KEE FIRM, lately carrying

on business at 60, Mongkok, Kow-

loon, as Ship Builders.

A DIVIDEND is intended to be declared

in the above mentioned Matter.

Debtors not already proved must be proved

by Thursday, the 27th January, 1898, or

it will be excluded from such Dividend.

Dated this 24th December, 1897.

BRUCE SHEPHERD,

Official Receiver,

LAND OFFICE, Hongkong.

2545

NEW YEAR HOLIDAY.

IN accordance with Ordinances No. 6 of

1875, the Undermentioned BANKS

will be CLOSED for the Transaction of

Public Business on SATURDAY, 1st

January, 1898.

For the Chartered Bank of India, Aus-

tralia and China.

T. H. WHITEHEAD,

Manager, Hongkong.

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ing Corporation.

T. JACKSON,

Chief Manager.

For 'The National Bank of China, Limited,'

GEO. W. F. PLAYFAIR,

Chief Manager.

For 'The Mercantile Bank of India,

Limited,' JOHN THURBURN,

Manager, Hongkong.

For the 'Banque de l'Indo-Chine, Hong-

kong Agency,' F. AUGUSTIN,

Manager.

For the 'Bank of China and Japan, Ltd.,

Hongkong, CHANTREY INCHBALD,

Manager.

For the 'Yokohama Specie Bank, Ltd.,

S. CHOW,

Agent.

Hongkong, December 28, 1897. 2543

NEW YEAR HOLIDAY.

THE Undermentioned INSURANCE

OFFICES will be CLOSED for the

Transaction of Public Business on SATUR-

DAY, the 1st January, 1898.

JARDINE, MATHESON & Co.,

General Agents,

Canton Insurance Office, Ltd.,

General Managers,

Hongkong Fire Insurance Co., Ltd.,

N. J. EDE,

Secretary,

Union Insurance Society of Canton, Ltd.,

W. H. PERCIVAL,

North-China Insurance Co., Ltd.,

W. H. RAY,

Secretary,

China Traders' Insurance Co., Ltd.,

SHEWAN, TOMES & Co.,

Agents,

Yongtze Insurance Association, Ltd.,

J. B. COUGHTIE,

Secretary,

China Fire Insurance Co., Ltd.,

W. H. T. DAVIS,

Manager,

The Straits Insurance Co., Ltd.,

Hongkong, December 28, 1897. 2543

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

FROM CALCUTTA, PENANG AND

SINGAPORE.

THESS, Arratoon Ape, having arrived

from the above Ports, Consignees of

Cargo are hereby informed that their

Goods will be delivered from alongside.

Cargo impeding the discharge or remain-

ing on board after 4 p.m. of the 29th

Instant, will be landed at Consignees' risk

and expense into the Godowns of the

HONGKONG AND KOWLOON WHARF and

GODOWN COMPANY, Limited, at Wanchai.

Consignees of Cargo from Singapore

and Penang are requested to take imme-

diate delivery of their Goods from along-

side, such Cargo impeding the discharge of

the Vessel will be landed at Consignees' risk

and expense into the Godowns of the

HONGKONG AND KOWLOON WHARF and

GODOWN COMPANY, Limited, at Wanchai.

No Fire Insurance will be effected.

Bills of Lading will be countermanded by

DAVID SASSOON, SONS & Co.,

Agents.

Hongkong, December 28, 1897. 2535

CHINA NAVIGATION COMPANY,

LIMITED.

FOR YOKOHAMA AND KOBE.

The Co.'s Steamship

Changsha,

Captain WILLIAMS, will

be despatched as above

on FRIDAY, the 31st Instant, at 2 p.m.

For Freight or Passage, apply to

BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE,

Agents.

Hongkong, December 28, 1897. 2537

To-day's Advertisements.

GOVERNMENT NOTIFICATION.

No. 659.

THE following Particulars and Conditions of SALE OF CROWN LAND by Public Auction, to be held on the Spot, on TUESDAY, the 4th day of January, 1898, at 3 p.m., are published for general information.

By Command,
J. H. STEWART LOCKHART,
Colonial Secretary.

Particulars and Conditions of the Letting

by Public Auction, to be held on

TUESDAY, the 4th day of January,

1898, at 3 p.m., by Order of His Excellency

the Governor, of Four Lots of

Crown Land, together with Building

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Particulars of the Lots.

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Ma R. Garnett, Harbour Master at Hong Kong, died suddenly there on the 4th inst.

There were 156 and 2,183 Chinese visitors to the City Hall Museum during the week ended 28th December.

Time West Yorkshire Regiment and the Royal Lancaster Regiment had a field day to-day, at Kowloon.

News was received at Kobo on the 16th inst. of the death of **Volodymyr M. H. S. Adams**, of Messrs. Tidwell, Curdell & Co.

The **Reynolds** final tie for the Warren Football Shield at Singapore has resulted in a win for the Royal Artillery, who defeated A Company, Rifle Brigade, by 3 goals to love.

The **Rangoon Gazette** of the 6th inst. says:—Captain S. G. Radcliff, who had been granted leave to go to China, was compelled on his arrival at Hongkong to apply for leave home in consequence of the dangerous illness of Mrs. Radcliff. The leave was granted and Captain Radcliff at once started homewards.

Capt. Roslavlev, a Russian Artillery Officer, a passenger by the *Verona* on his way to join the garrison at Vladivostok, died at Singapore on the 15th inst. His funeral was attended by Governor Sir Charles Mitchell and his A.D.C., Capt. Ainslie. The singing of the Russian soldiers at the graveside was very impressive.

On Thursday evening next, at 8.30, there will be an exhibition of simultaneous chess at the Hongkong Hotel. Messrs. Souza and Humble have agreed to meet all comers. It is hoped that as many players as possible will bring boards and men with them, as the resources of the Chess Club in this direction may prove inadequate.

An ex-Governor named **Yong-ik**, who was sentenced not long since to ten years' banishment for blackmailing Government officials, has been pardoned and appointed Director of the Imperial Mint, with full control of all the mints in Korea. The prospect of the Mint and the mints under such an official cannot be said to be very promising.

It is understood (says the *Singapore Free Press*) that the marriage of Miss Edith Clement-Smith, daughter of our former Governor, and Captain H. L. Talbot will probably take place about next Eastertide. Miss Clement-Smith will accompany Mrs. Talbot when the latter returns to the Straits in the early part of next year, just after Mrs. Talbot's marriage to Capt. Herbert.

Mr. Messer, who arrived by the English mail, is one of the newly-appointed cadets. He hails from Cambridge, and was 16th Wrangler in the Mathematical Tripos. Mr. Messer is a good one, having topped in the last out of his College (Emmanuel), and having been successful at Henley. He will proceed to Canton shortly to study Chinese. The other cadet, Mr. Hallifax, will arrive next month.

We have received from the Director of the Sincavi Observatory a copy of the new code of Signals for the Typhoon and Storm Warning Service on the Coast of China. The flags of the International Code and of Marryat's Code are both used in this new service, which is to come into effect at Shanghai and Choofoo on and after the 1st of January next. Shipmasters are advised to familiarise themselves with the new code as soon as possible.

The Russian Volunteer Fleet steamer *Vernoy*, which passed through Singapore on the 19th inst., had on board, bound for Vladivostok, Major-General Tschetchevoff, the newly appointed Chief of the Staff of the Governor-General of the Amur Military District, and also thirty officers, two Army Surgeons and 793 Cossacks who are to be employed for the protection of the Manchurian Railway Works. There were also on board 180,000 'poods' of rails for the projected railway.

A regular meeting of the Zetland Lodge was held last night, when Bro. G. J. B. Seyer was installed as Worshipful Master for the ensuing year by the Right Worshipful District Grand Master, Hon. O. P. Chater, O.M.G., assisted by Wor. Bro. E. C. Ray, D.D.G.M., and the Grand Lodge officers. Wor. Bro. Seyer then appointed and installed his officers as follows:—S.W., Bro. J. Lochead; J.W., Bro. G. Piercy, Junr.; Treasurer, Wor. Bro. G. A. Caldwell; Secretary, Bro. E. W. Kennedy; S.D., Bro. G. C. Hayward; J.D., Bro. J. W. L. Oliver; D.C., Bro. S. S. Steward; Bm. D. Clark; Organist, Bro. G. Grimble; I.G., Bro. G. H. Brost; Tyler, Bro. Maxwell. After the closing of the Lodge the brethren sat down to dinner. The room was most tastefully and appropriately decorated and during the evening the band of the Hongkong Regiment played selections of music. The usual royal and Masonic toasts were proposed and songs and recitations concluded a very enjoyable evening.

VENUES AT THE DOCKS.—At Kowloon: H.G.M.S. *Moore*, Siam, H.M.S. *Grafton*, Oslo, Lyngsøen. At Aberdeen: (None). At Canton: West York, General To day.

Governor Sir Charles Mitchell left Singapore on the 26th inst. to visit Penang and India.

Four more lots in the Taipingshan resumed area will be sold by public auction on the 4th January. The aggregate upset price is \$21,191.

SUPREME COURT.
IN ORIGINAL JURISDICTION.
(Before His Honour Sir John Carrington, Chief Justice.)

Tuesday, December 28.

A. J. GIBNEY AND OTHERS v. BELLIOS.
The hearing of this case was resumed to-day.

A. J. David, partner in the firm of E. D. Sisson and Co., said he relieved Mr. Bellios in the management of the firm on 25th March, this year, when Mr. Bellios left the Colony. Witness spoke of having twice visited the ground in Kennedy Road selected as a site for the synagogue; they implicated Mr. Bellios on the Committee of the Jewish community. His evidence on the correspondence that passed between Mr. Bellios and the Committee on the question of the site, and then gave an account of the proceedings at the meeting in Mr. Danby's office on 18th March. They were present at that meeting to decide how much of the land they were to hand over to Mr. Bellios. After a long discussion, Mr. Orange said that the trustees could give Mr. Bellios 1,000 feet. The question of a retaining wall was then raised by Mr. Bellios, who said the trustees should pay for it. They replied that they did not think it was fair for him to ask them to do this as they did not require a retaining wall. The cost of the wall was worked out by Mr. Danby, and the trustees agreed to give \$600 for the sake of settling the matter. Mr. Bellios was endeavouring to put all sorts of obstacles in the way. He wanted to build a stable near the synagogue. Witness offered him \$1,000, but Mr. Bellios still would not accept it. When the meeting broke up Mr. Bellios said, 'Gentlemen, nothing is settled.' Before this witness had stated the trustees were not going to stand any more of Mr. Bellios's nonsense, and they intended to have their rights.

In cross-examination, witness said he did not think any minutes were kept of the meetings of the trustees about the synagogue. The old synagogue was given by Elias Sassoon, Jacob Sassoon's father, at the end of Messrs. E. D. Sisson paid the expenses all along. Mr. Jacob Sassoon also contributed \$5,000 to the synagogue. The Jewish community contributed very little to the upkeep of the synagogue. Only between \$800 and \$700 had been contributed by the community since the late Mr. Yee Yee. The costs of the old synagogue in the case were paid out of the synagogue fund.

The evidence was concluded, and the Court adjourned till to-morrow, at 10.30.

LOCAL COMPOSERS. 6 Pieces, by Orange, Ward, & Co. Xmas 1897. Price, \$1.00. W. Robinson & Co.

'My glorious forefathers look down upon you from the vault of heaven!' Thus the German Emperor to his grenadier recruits.

THE Lieutenant-Governor of Bengal estimates the loss of life in the Chittagong cyclone at between ten and twelve thousand.

The new building for the Concordia Club at Kowloon opened on the 15th. Mr. Von Knebelitz, the German Consul, announced that the officers of the German Legation had presented the Club with a silver drinking-cup; Mr. Delcamp gave the chairs in the Reading Room; and Mr. Reimers and Mr. Illies, both now in Hamburg, sent bronze busts of the Kaiser and Prince Bismarck, respectively.

The proceeds of the recent open-air fete in the grounds of Hongkong Extension House, in aid of the Church Extension Society's winter relief work amongst the London poor, are expected to amount to over \$1,000 when all expenses have been paid. And Mr. Morion, the juke and jolly man, has been a queer for a million to the good mission. Perhaps he knows better by this time.—*Singapore Free Press*.

At the regular meeting of the Corinthian Lodge, No. 1806, Amoy, held on the 11th December, Bro. J. G. Gots was installed as Worshipful Master for the ensuing year, and appointed and invested his officers as follows:—S.W., Bro. J. H. Pearson; J.W., Bro. E. Q. Cooper; Treasurer, Bro. Lee Khong Teek; Secretary, Bro. F. H. Edwards; S.D., Bro. C. R. Radomski; D.C., Bro. F. H. Lucasen; D.C., Wor. Bro. E. B. Marshall; Steward, Wor. Bro. B. Nichols; I.G., Wor. Bro. B. M. Jenkins; Tyler, Bro. J. Phillips.

At the regular meeting of the Ionic Lodge, No. 1781, held at Amoy on the 14th December, Bro. John Hutcheson was installed as Worshipful Master for the ensuing year, and appointed and invested his officers as follows:—S.W., Wor. Bro. F. Cass; J.W., Bro. W. E. Key; Treasurer, Wor. Bro. F. B. Marshall; Secretary, Wor. Bro. H. Edwards; S.D., Wor. Bro. C. S. Powell; J.D., Bro. O. H. Best; D.C., Bro. A. Pohl; Steward, Bro. E. B. Barrie; I.G., Bro. H. T. T. Muller; Tyler, Bro. J. Phillips.

According to a report current in local mandarin circles the Russians have been placed in temporary (sic) custody of Port Arthur in accordance with the arrangement that 'in the event of a disturbance of the peace in Eastern Asiatic waters China should lend Port Arthur to Russia.' Hence the Russian fleet has entered Port Arthur to prevent being forestalled by the Germans, and the Chinese authorities there have consented upon the Russian Admiral promising to return the place 'after peace becomes once more settled.'—*N. C. Daily News*.

A special telegraphic dispatch received here from Peking reports that orders have been issued by the Ministry of War to General Nish, Provincial Commander-in-Chief of Chihli, to mobilise his Army Corps of 23,000 men with the Division of General Yan (see Resident at Seoul) at the time of the late war with Japan, consisting of nearly 9,000 men, at Tientsin. Orders have also been issued to E. K. Chang, Tartar General of Fengtien, to assemble his Tartar troops in the Liaotung Peninsula. This is the 'General I' mentioned in Japanese accounts when troops fought so well near Fancheng in the late war.—*N. C. Daily News*.

THE PHILIPPINE REBELLION.

TERMINATION OF THE INSURRECTION.

THE PRINCIPAL LEADERS LAY DOWN THEIR ARMS.

Don Jose de Navarro, Spanish Consul, courteously forwards to us a copy of a telegram received by him on the evening of Saturday last from H. E. the Governor-General of the Philippine Islands, intimating the virtual termination of the rebellion. The telegram is in the following terms:—
'I have to inform you, with great satisfaction, that the principal leaders of the insurrection have laid down their arms, crying: 'Long live Spain; long live the King and the peace.'
THE PIRATICAL OUTRAGE AT HAIPHONG.
A CAREFULLY ORGANISED UPRISING.

Tonkin newspapers to hand contain details of the piratical outrage at Haiphong. From our French contemporaries we learn that the rising, for such it appears to have been, was more serious than at first imagined, pirates having appeared at Hai-duong, Phu-ninh-giang, and Thibinh, as well as at Haiphong. A band of pirates had planned an attack on the French gunboat, the *Arcturion*, and their leader, but as he did not appear before the authorities had made preparations to receive them the project was not carried out so far as the capital of Tonkin was concerned.

The cause of the uprising is the creation of a salt monopoly by M. Doumer, Governor of the province, up to this point, has been viewed favourably by his compatriots. The concessionaire is M. Malou, of Haiphong. Early on the morning of Thursday, the 16th inst., large bands of pirates, some hundreds strong, were seen converging upon Haiphong, crossing the River Leachy at various points. One band separated near Mr. A. R. Mart's villa, just outside the town, and shortly after numerous fires started in the European and native houses on the outskirts of the city. Reports of firearms were heard in every direction, and the sound of the firing of the mandarins' guns, gave the alarm. Constable Cadre, who had seen the approach of the pirates from Boulevard Chavassieu, ran to the barracks, but time was lost and the desperadoes got quickly to work. During that time, a second band, about 150 strong, landed at the village of Ambien upon the Raccource Avenue and Landing Avenue. The leader of this party is described as an old man, tall and strong, with a long white beard. This chief marched in the middle of four natives, who carried standards and swords, and spoke in an Upper Annam dialect. These men endeavoured to seize the flag of the natives, stating that the natives would be respected only if the Europeans made to suffer. It was their intention to destroy Haiphong.

It was about four o'clock when the French troops were called out; at first it was believed that only local fire had broken out, but the sound of the firing was a pump. As soon as the real state of affairs was realised the picket returned to headquarters, and further delay occurred before a company of European troops, in two sections, marched upon the points occupied by the pirates. The section in the Landing Avenue cut upon the rearward of the pirates, near the race course, and charged them with fixed bayonets. About 15 pirates, dead and wounded, were captured, and sent to the hospital. A petty officer and two men captured three standards, which bore the following inscriptions: 'Où il y a des Français, il y a des Européens! Exterminer la Dynastie de Nanyang et la Dynastie de Annam.' On the bodies of each prisoner was found a small bamboo tablet with the same inscription, with the addition of the words 'Soldier of Heaven,' and a small sketch containing sulphur and arsenic, which is believed by the natives to have the power to preserve them from death.

The pirates entered the house of M. Gauthier, book-keeper to Mr. A. R. Mart, and killed M. Gauthier and wounded his son. His child, seven years of age, has disappeared. M. Gauthier was terribly murdered, and his body was left in the street and was missing when the house was afterwards searched by the soldiers, both legs broken in several places, and the trunk hacked in a brutal fashion by coup-de-poignee, the native sword.

The guard defended the mandarin's dwelling as long as they could, the Quans being absent, and his family escaped to the residence of another mandarin.

Before retiring, the pirates made another raid, M. Dulce, clerk to Fausse Mining Company, wounding him dangerously. He states that having heard noises around his house he woke up and went to the door. As soon as he opened the door he was attacked by Annamites armed with coup-de-poignee and pikes. He was taken to the hospital, and according to latest advices was progressing favourably. Considerable damage was done by fire, but it is difficult to learn from our French contemporaries the exact amount.

Le Canut d'Haiphong states that the authorities were much surprised to find to-day that a rising would take place, but apparently no precautions were adopted. That paper calls for immediate and uncompromising revenge, and on the Saturday following the attack ten pirates (one in a dying condition) were executed. The bodies of the pirates were executed. One body of a pirate was also decapitated. The dead and the dying were carried in a hammock to the execution ground, and after the execution the heads were placed on poles and set up on the palisade in front of M. Gauthier's house.

About 200 Europeans witnessed the execution (including about 30 amateur photographers and fifteen ladies), and about 300 natives of both sexes. The general impression was that the attack has not yet been properly repressed.

The attack on Haiphong took place on the night of the 15th inst., and continued till the morning of the 16th. The town was fired in the four quarters, and half of this provincial capital has been destroyed. The Resident and his family, and the European officials, were surrounded by the pirates, and it was only after the sound of the firing of the *Arcturion* that the pirates were beaten off. During a charge of the soldiers, led by this officer, the Europeans were able to evacuate the Residence and take shelter in the fort. This was deemed a prudent course on account of the smallness of the force of the French. The pirates were armed with rifles, and it would have been impossible to make a prolonged stand against them in the open.

OXFORD LOCAL EXAMINATIONS.

TENTH YEAR.

Dr. Bateson Wright, Local Secretary, sends us the following results of the recent Oxford Local Examinations, the Superintendent Examiner being the Rev. T. W. Pearce:—

BOYS.
Senior (Pass).
(J) Franco, L. A. A.; (J) Xavier, E. M. A. A.
(J) Noronha, E. J.; (Q) Humphreys, A. A. A.
(J) O'Toole, C. L.; (Q) Lee, C. H. A. A.
Over Age (Junior Class).
(J) Xavier, J. P.
(J) 2nd Class, Ford, E. S., Dist. English. Junior (Pass).

Girls.
(J) Bennett, G. (J) Simoes, M. P.
(J) Lewis, W. A. (J) Tessa, R.
(J) Waller, R. H. (J) Sales, C. D.
(J) Gutter, L. E. (J) Joseph, J. E.
(J) Fugh, E. A. (J) Rutledge, J. H.
(J) Ribeiro, F. X. V.

Over Age.
(J) Reiners, W. (J) Restonja, R.
(J) Hopkin, P. M. (J) Tappin, E. G.
Private Tutor.
(J) Olson, J.
(J) 2nd Class, E. R. (J) Costa, H.
(J) Li Chien.

Girls.
Senior (Pass).
(V) de Souza, A. M. A. A.
(V) Mehta, S. A. A. (Pass).

Over Age.
(V) Baker, A. E. J. (V) Rodger, M. F.
(V) Henderson, L. C.
Over Age—(P) Rostojinsky, G. M.
Provisionary (Pass) Over Age.
(V) Marcus, M. (B) Banning, A.
(V) Yvanovich, A. M. (B) Logan, C.

B—Baxter School.
D—Ducan School.
E—St. Joseph's College.
F—Private Tutor.
G—Queen's College.
H—Victoria English Schools.

THE AMOY INCIDENT.

BRITISH MINISTER WILL NOT ACKNOWLEDGE KHUN YONG.

The British Minister at Peking, in reply to the Straits Government, has refused to acknowledge Khun Yong as a British subject. Sir Claude Macdonald has forwarded to the Government a long statement of the case, and the Straits Government has been asked to state its position. The Straits Government has been asked to state its position. The Straits Government has been asked to state its position.

Until the Straits Government are in possession of evidence that will clearly prove Khun Yong to be a British subject, and that will rebut the evidence of the British Consul, nothing further can be done.—*Straits Times*.

CHRISTMAS FESTIVITIES.

CENTRAL POLICE STATION.

Last night, the members of the Police Force had a very enjoyable dance at the Central Police Station. Music was played by the lot of the policemen on duty bent as not a happy one, but the spectacle presented last night showed that freed from duty our guardians of the peace are a very jolly company, and dispense their hospitality with a lavish hand. A regular transformation had been effected in several of the rooms at the station. The mess room, which was reserved for dancing, presented a very cheerful appearance, the walls being decorated with flags, bunting and appropriate mottoes:—'Remember the Old Folks at Home,' 'Welcome,' and a motto of welcome in Gaelic. The room adjoining was laid out as a card room and bar, and the detectives' office was utilized for a refreshment room. There was a large attendance of ladies and gentlemen. A variety programme of dances was presented, and a number of Scotch dances, which excellent music was supplied. Messrs. McKenzie and Wooley shared the duties of M.C. Dancing was kept up with great hilarity until an early hour this morning, and during the intervals several of the company contributed songs. Amongst these present were Deputy-Superintendent Horne and Chief Inspector McKie. The efforts of the Committee to entertain their many guests were attended with the greatest success, and notwithstanding the rather cramped accommodation for dancing the dance was very much enjoyed by everyone present. Inspector MacKenzie provided pipe music for the Highland Scottish.

WESLEYAN MISSION.

The annual Christmas tea and meeting for the Wesleyan soldiers and sailors was held last night in the Wanchai Government School (kindly lent for the occasion). About 100 sat down to tea, amongst whom were some of the invalids from the Royal Naval Hospital, as well as a few men of the Royal Lancaster Regiment who received a hearty welcome. After prayer by the Rev. W. Bannister, of the Church Mission, Commodore Swinton C. Holland, R.N., A.D.C., was called upon to preside. Commodore Holland spoke of the pleasure it gave him as a Churchman to help the Wesleyan soldiers and sailors and their chaplain. The Rev. T. W. Pearce, of the London Mission, and the Rev. G. J. Williams, of the Union Church, gave short addresses, and referred to the approaching departure of the *Arcturion* from the Colony and their appreciation of his work at the Soldiers' and Sailors' Institute. The following ladies and gentlemen contributed to the musical part of the programme:—Messrs. Piercy, Hagen, and Brown, and Messrs. Glendish, Tyrell, G. Sergi, Major Boulton, R.E., Major G. Harris, R.E., and Corporal Ward M.S.O., gave recitations. At the close of the meeting, the Rev. Mr. Bannister thanked the ministers present for their kindness in coming there, and referred to it as an exhibition of the Christian Union most desirable and profitable. Heartily vote of thanks to the ladies and Commodore Holland, and cheer for Mr. Holland, were followed by the singing of the National Anthem. In the course of the evening, reference was made to the good swimmers of the men of the West Yorkshire Regiment in Hongkong, and the universal regret at their departure.

CRICKET.

CLUB v. UNITED SERVICES.

This two-days' match concluded yesterday in a victory for the United Services. The game was productive of some very high scoring on both sides. Lieut. Wood scored 170 for the Services. T. Scrombie Smith and F. Maitland were the highest scorers for the Club with 71 and 84 respectively. Both teams resorted to frequent changes of bowling to keep down the scoring, and Wood had the majority of wickets for his side—8 for 89. Gillingham had the best bowling average for the Club, with 2 wickets for 44 runs. Both teams amassed scores before the third century, the totals being—United Services, 388; Club, 312. The following is the score of the United Services:

Services.
P. A. Cox, b. R. E. Lammert 39
Dyson, A. P. D., b. Gillingham 10
Wood, W. H., st. R. E. Lammert 170
Campbell, J. K. R., c. F. Lammert, b. 9
Cox 49
Gillott, R. N., c. and b. Noble 29
Howard, W. Y. P., not out 39
Dewar, R. N., c. Maitland, b. Mackenzie 38
Langhorne, R. A., l.h.w., b. Gillingham 0
Rawson, R. N., c. and b. F. Lammert 10
Byatt, W. Y. P., b. Mackenzie 0
Shelford, R. N., not out 15
Extras 15

Club—Second Innings.
P. A. Cox, b. Howard 32
J. F. Noble, b. Shelford 4
A. S. Antton, c. Rawson, b. Howard 4
Mackenzie, c. Gillott, b. Shelford 9
R. F. Linnert, not out 18
R. G. Gillingham, b. Howard 27
E. R. Morris, F. Lammert, F. Kew, F. Maitland and T. Scrombie Smith, to bat 3
Extras 103

THE GRAND HOTEL LICENCE.

CONSIDERATION POSTPONED.

A special session of H.M. Justices of the Peace was held to-day in the Justices' Room, at the Magistracy. Mr. H. E. Wodehouse, Police Magistrate, presided.

The Justices present were—Mr. Harrigan, Messrs. G. Murray Bain, Harry Wicking, W. M. B. Arthur and Rev. R. F. Cobbold. The meeting was convened to consider an application from one G. H. Schwalm for a Publican's licence to sell and retail intoxicating liquors on the premises situated at Nos. 240, 242, and 244, Queen's Road Central, under the sign of 'The Central Hotel.' These premises were formerly known as 'The Grand Hotel,' and were occupied by Mr. G. C. C. Master appeared for the applicant.

Mr. Wodehouse read the application, from which it appeared the applicant had never held a licence before. The Police report, which was signed by Deputy Superintendent R. A. Horne, was as follows:—'The applicant is absolutely a man of straw, and merely a blind put forward by Hook Goon and his wife. An agreement has been entered into between these parties to the effect that Mr. Hook Goon deposits of his interest for \$3000, \$200 of which amount is to be paid to the applicant. The licence is granted, and Mr. and Mrs. Hook Goon are to remain on the premises until the balance of \$2,800 is paid. The smallness of the amount to be paid over at once shows that the sale is not a bona fide one, and that Hook Goon and his wife will remain permanently on the premises and carry on the business, which would be decidedly objectionable.'

Mr. Master—I should like the Police report to be in some way proved—that this Mr. Schwalm is a man of straw. Mr. Wodehouse—Let us have the man in the room. The applicant was admitted into the room. Mr. Master handed the Magistrate a copy of the following agreement:—'Mr and Mrs. Hook Goon have sold on the 5th December, 1897, their hotel, situated at Nos. 240, 242 and 244 Queen's Road Central, in Victoria, Hongkong, to Mr. G. H. Schwalm, for the sum of \$30,000. A deposit of \$2,000 has been made by Schwalm. As soon as the licence is granted to Mr. Schwalm he has to pay \$3,800 to Mr. and Mrs. Hook Goon, and as soon as this sum is paid Mr. and Mrs. Hook Goon have to leave the house. (Signed) Mrs. Hook Goon and Hook Goon.'

Mr. Arthur—I may say there were two applicants for this same house, the premises in Hook Goon—two Chinese, one at 32 Jervois Street and the other 33 Circular Quay. There was some talk as to which applicant they intended to take, and they finally decided upon the applicant who offered the best terms to save human life, though not all working on the same lines or showing the same economical results in the matter of expenditure, but the Commission will examine the experiments that have been tried in various provinces and formulate for future guidance the lessons to be drawn from the experience of the past year. The Commission is much smaller than that of 1878 and its business will virtually be to consider details only, which, however, are in themselves most important. The broad principles of famine relief laid down nineteen years ago stand untouched so far as is known at present.

Mr. Bain—What money? The \$2500 or \$3,800?
Mr. Master—\$200 has been paid.
Mr. Wodehouse said the agreement read as if the \$2500 was to be paid as soon as the licence was granted.

Mr. Master—If the Police report is founded on fact, I can quite understand the Justices refusing the application, but I would ask leave to adjourn the application in order to see my client, who only came to see me an hour and a half ago, and to be able to state the report is not founded on fact. My client is not going to pay money and then have his licence refused. He had to pay the money for the benefit of the lease that is still running. I imagine Mr. and Mrs. Hook Goon have a lease of the premises. Mr. Schwalm has to state that he gets consent of his landlord, because probably in the lease there is a clause that there will be no transfer of the lease without consent of the landlord. Another thing he will have to see about before handing over the money would be that he gets the furniture. I submit that that report by Mr. Horne is nothing unless founded on something. It is a very hard thing to say that Mr. and Mrs. Hook Goon are to take the benefit of the hotel, and somebody else's name is going to be put up. If that be the case, I myself shall have nothing to do with it. I am instructed by Mr. Schwalm that in a bona fide purchase, and I think it would be better if your Worship will postpone the consideration of this application for a week, in order that I may consult with Mr. Schwalm, and be in a position to show that the money is actually in my possession, and that I am holding it with the completion of the transfer. Perhaps your Worship will signify whether or not you will grant the application, provided this sale was a bona fide one. The Justices then considered in private whether they would adjourn consideration of the application, and it was decided to postpone the hearing until Friday week.

LATE TELEGRAMS.

(Bangkok Gazette.)

THE N. W. FRONTIER.—A NORTHAMPTON MEMORIAL.
London, December 4.—Earl Spencer, who presided at a meeting held at Northampton yesterday, said he had been decided to establish a memorial fund to erect a monument in Northampton in honour of the County Regiment, who, he said, had sustained their reputation so gallantly on the Indian Frontier.

THE CHITRAOGE CYCLONE.
Allahabad, December 4.—The Committee of the famine Relief Fund, on being first applied to by the Commissioner of Chitrago immediately after the cyclone, granted Rs. 10,000 to relieve those in want and rendered destitute by the disaster which rained much of the crops. On a subsequent application a further contribution of Rs. 25,000 was given.

THE DREYFUS CASE.
Paris, December 4.—It has been decided to court-martial Count Esterhazy if on the preliminary enquiry a prima facie case is found. It is not known precisely on what grounds this decision has been reached, but it is in no way applies to the re-opening of the Dreyfus case which the military authorities regard as entirely distinct.

December 5.—Interpellation regarding the Dreyfus affair took place in the Chamber of Deputies when the Minister for War declared: 'On my word and conscience I regard the sentence on Dreyfus as just and that he was guilty.' The Chamber then by an overwhelming majority passed a resolution approving of the statement of the Minister of War and condemning the attempts made to impugn the sentence of the court-martial.

THE COTTON TRADE.
London, Dec. 7.—A ballot of operative spinners at Manchester has overwhelmingly rejected the proposal for a five per cent reduction of wages.

Dec. 8.—The cotton spinners owing to a lack of unanimity have withdrawn their reduction notice.

INDIAN COAL.
Calcutta, Dec. 10.—The exports of coal from Calcutta are expected to total no less than six lakhs of tons this year, much of it going to Bombay where the depression in the export trade has reduced the number of vessels arriving with coal from home to a small number.

INDIAN CROP PROSPECTS.
This week's crop reports emphasize the need of rain in the Deccan districts of Bombay and in the Madras Presidency, the Cereals and the Madras Deccan having so far received very little rain. Elsewhere throughout India crop prospects continue excellent upon the whole, though a good deal of damage has been done by locusts and blight in the Western and Northern Provinces. The prices of the more important food grains except wheat continue to fall, but have not yet reached anything like the normal condition. The winter sowings have germinated well in the Central Provinces though more than a lakh of people are still receiving gratuitous relief in this unhappy area. All the other provinces combined now have less than thirty thousand people under relief amongst them.

THE LIBERAL PROGRAMME.
London, December 8.—The National Liberal Federation have adopted a programme of one man one vote, manhood suffrage and female franchise; also a resolution protesting against the Indian policy of the Government.

MAKING UNREST IN THE RUSSIAN EMPIRE.
London, December 10.—Rouvier writes from St. Petersburg news of an alarming Muscovite ferment in the Russian Asiatic provinces, and that a revolt is also feared in the Caucasus.

THE RUSSIAN ARMY.
Calcutta, December 10.—Lieutenant-Colonel Temple, Chief Commissioner of the Andamans, is gazetted to Furlough for two years. Lieutenant-Colonel Anson, Deputy Commissioner, Fyzabad, officiating for him.

RETIREMENT OF AN INDIAN JUDGE.
Sir John Edgar, Chief Justice of Allahabad High Court, retires on the 28th March next. Nothing whatever has been decided in regard to his successor.

INDIAN FAMINE COMMISSION.
The Famine Commission foreshadowed in the Victoria's recent speeches will be assembled early in January. Sir James Lyall will be President, with Mr. T. W. Holderness, recently Famine Secretary with the Government of India and now Commissioner of Allahabad, Mr. Higham, Secretary to the Government of India in the Public Works Department, a medical man from England and a Native gentleman as members. The object will be not to criticize or pick holes in the work done by the local Governments who have used their best efforts to save human life, though not all working on the same lines or showing the same economical results in the matter of expenditure, but the Commission will examine the experiments that have been tried in various provinces and formulate for future guidance the lessons to be drawn from the experience of the past year. The Commission is much smaller than that of 1878 and its business will virtually be to consider details only, which, however, are in themselves most important. The broad principles of famine relief laid down nineteen years ago stand untouched so far as is known at present.

THE NORTH-WEST FRONTIER CAMPAIGN.
Calcutta, December 9.—General Hammond's renowned researches on the North-West Frontier after being delayed all night on the road owing to the difficulty of getting the transport animals along the bad track in single file. No further attack, however, was made upon it and yesterday General Hammond successfully reconnoitred to Barak, where a good camping ground was found. The country proves exceedingly intricate and is interested in all directions by ravines with sides formed of sheer cliffs of conglomerate.

It seems the casualties reported yesterday amongst the Inniskillings were due to five six of the enemy surprising two privates in charge of some

Banks.

HONGKONG SAVINGS BANK.
THE business of the above Bank is conducted by the **HONGKONG AND SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION.** Rules may be obtained on application.
INTEREST on deposits is allowed at 3% PER CENT. per annum. Depositors may transfer at their option balances of \$100 or more to the **HONGKONG AND SHANGHAI BANK**, to be placed on **FIXED DEPOSIT** at 4 PER CENT. per annum.
For the Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation,
T. JACKSON,
Chief Manager.
Hongkong, August 1, 1895. 1515

HONGKONG AND SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION.

PAID-UP CAPITAL.....\$10,000,000.
RESERVE FUND.....\$7,000,000.
RESERVE LIABILITY OF.....\$10,000,000.
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HONGKONG—INTEREST ALLOWED.
On Current Account at the rate of 2 per cent. per annum on the daily balance.
On Fixed Deposits:—
For 3 months 2 1/2 per cent. per annum.
" 6 " 3 " " "
" 12 " 4 " " "
T. JACKSON,
Chief Manager.
Hongkong, November 3, 1897. 363

THE NATIONAL BANK OF CHINA, LIMITED.

AUTHORIZED CAPITAL.....\$1,000,000.
PAID UP CAPITAL.....\$250,000.
RESERVE FUND.....\$250,000.
HEAD OFFICE—HONGKONG.

COURT OF DIRECTORS:—
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KWAN HOI CHUN, Esq.,
CHIEF MANAGER:—
G. W. F. PLATT, Esq.,
Interest for 12 months Fixed 5%.
Hongkong, November 30, 1897. 171

THE MERCHANT BANK OF INDIA, LIMITED.

AUTHORIZED CAPITAL.....£1,500,000.
SUBSCRIBED.....£1,125,000.
PAID UP.....£562,500.
RESERVE FUND.....£10,000.
BANKERS:—
LONDON JOINT STOCK BANK, LIMITED.

INTEREST allowed on Current Accounts at the rate of 2% per annum on the Daily Balance.
On Fixed Deposits:—
For 12 Months.....4%
" 6 ".....3%
" 3 ".....2%
J. THURBURN,
Manager, Hongkong.
Hongkong, December 1, 1897. 2340

THE CHARTERED BANK OF INDIA, AUSTRALIA, AND CHINA.

INCORPORATED BY ROYAL CHARTER 1853.
HEAD OFFICE, LONDON.
CAPITAL PAID-UP.....£2,000,000.
RESERVE LIABILITY OF SHAREHOLDERS.....£2,000,000.
RESERVE FUND.....£2,000,000.
INTEREST allowed on Current Accounts at the rate of 2% per annum on the Daily Balance.
On Fixed Deposits for 12 months 4%
" 6 " 3%
" 3 " 2%
T. H. WHITEHEAD,
Manager.
Hongkong, June 2, 1897. 846

XMAS SPECIALITIES.

XMAS AND NEW YEAR CARDS in Various Designs. CADBURY'S CHOCOLATE ORNEMENTS in Fancy Boxes of Various Sizes.
CANDLES and BOWERS'S ASSORTED TOFFEE and BUTTER SCOTCH TINS. SMITH'S and BAKER'S XMAS CRACKERS. COMPAGNIE FRANCAISE FANOT SWEETS of Various Kinds.
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10% reduction for Cash.
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A complete assortment of every other odor.
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For Sale by A. S. Watson & Co., Chemist.

Notices to Consignees.

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.
THE PENINSULAR & ORIENTAL STEAM NAVIGATION COMPANY'S STEAMER OCEYON.
FROM ANTWERP, LONDON, MALTA, PORT SAID, SUEZ AND STRAITS.

CONSIGNEES of Cargo by the above-named Vessel are hereby informed that their Goods are being landed and placed at their risk in the Hongkong and Kowloon Wharf and Godown Company's Godowns at Kowloon, where each consignment will be sorted out Mark by Mark and delivery can be obtained as soon as the Goods are landed.
This Vessel brings on Cargo:—
From ITALY, ex a.s. *Salvia*. From MADRAS, ex a.s. *Laodamia*.
Optional Goods will be landed here unless instructions are given to the contrary before 4 p.m. on the 27th Instant.
Goods not cleared by the 1st January, at 4 p.m., will be subject to rent.
No Fire Insurance will be effected by me in any case whatever.
All Damaged Packages must be left in the Godowns and a certificate of the damage obtained from the Godown Company within ten days after the vessel's arrival here, after which no Claims will be recognised.
H. A. RITCHIE,
Superintendent.
Hongkong, December 27, 1897. 2527

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.
THE PENINSULAR & ORIENTAL STEAM NAVIGATION COMPANY'S STEAMER THAMES.
FROM BOMBAY, COLOMBO AND STRAITS.

CONSIGNEES of Cargo by the above-named Vessel are hereby informed that their Goods are being landed and placed at their risk in the Hongkong and Kowloon Wharf and Godown Company's Godowns at Kowloon, where each consignment will be sorted out Mark by Mark and delivery can be obtained as soon as the Goods are landed.
This Vessel brings on Cargo:—
From ZANZIBAR, ex a.s. *Himalaya*. From AUSTRALIA, ex a.s. *Victoria*. From TUNISIA, ex a.s. *Patna*. From PERSIAN GULF, ex a.s. *Patna*. From SINGAPORE, ex a.s. *Patna*.
Optional Goods will be landed here unless instructions are given to the contrary before 4 p.m. To-day.
Goods not cleared by the 2nd January, at 4 p.m., will be subject to rent.
No Fire Insurance will be effected by me in any case whatever.
All Damaged Packages must be left in the Godowns and a certificate of the damage obtained from the Godown Company within ten days after the vessel's arrival here, after which no Claims will be recognised.
H. A. RITCHIE,
Superintendent.
Hongkong, December 27, 1897. 2528

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.
STEAMSHIP MOGUL.
FROM PORTLAND, YOKOHAMA, KOBE AND MOJI.

THE above Steamer having arrived, Consignees of Cargo are hereby requested to send in their Bills of Lading for counter-signature and take immediate delivery of their Goods from alongside.
Cargo impeding the discharge of the Vessel will be landed and stored at Consignees' risk and expense.
DODWELL, CARLILL & Co.,
Agents.
Hongkong, December 27, 1897. 2530

STEAMSHIP LAOS.
COMPAGNIE DES MESSAGERIES MARITIMES.

CONSIGNEES of Cargo from London and Havre, ex S.S. *Orizaba*, and from BORDEAUX, ex S.S. *Ville de Marseille*, *Frederic Morel*, *Verdun* and *Ville de Cotte*, in connection with above Steamer, are hereby informed that their Goods, with the exception of Opium, Treasure, and Valuable, are being landed and stored at their risk in the Godowns of the Hongkong and Kowloon Wharf and Godown Company, Kowloon, where delivery may be obtained immediately after landing.
Optional Cargo will be forwarded on unless intimation is received from the Consignees before 5 p.m. To-day (Wednesday), requesting it to be landed here.
Bills of Lading will be countersigned by the Undersigned.
Goods remaining unclaimed after Tuesday, the 4th January, at Noon, will be subject to rent and landing charges.
All Claims must be sent in to me on or before Tuesday, the 4th January, or they will not be recognised.
All Damaged Packages will be examined on Tuesday, the 28th December, at 3 p.m. No Fire Insurance has been effected.
G. DE CHAMPEAUX,
Agent.
Hongkong, December 22, 1897. 2513

'SHIRE' LINE OF STEAMERS.
NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.
FROM MIDDLESBRO, LONDON & SINGAPORE.

THE S.S. *Rodnorshire*, Captain VYVIAN, having arrived from the above Ports, Consignees of Cargo are hereby informed that their Goods are being landed at their risk in the Godowns of the Hongkong and Kowloon Wharf and Godown Company, Limited, at Kowloon, and stored at Consignees' risk and expense.
No Claims will be admitted after the Goods have left the Godowns, and all Goods remaining undelivered after the 26th Inst., will be subject to rent.
All Broken, Chafed, and damaged Goods, are to be left in the Godowns, where they will be examined on the 24th Instant, at 2.30 p.m.
No Fire Insurance has been effected.
Bills of Lading will be countersigned by SHEWAN, TOMES & Co.,
Agents.
Hongkong, December 22, 1897. 2513

Shipping.

INDO-CHINA STEAM NAVIGATION COMPANY, LIMITED.
FOR SINGAPORE, SAMARANG AND SOERABAYA.

The Co.'s Steamship *Huang*, Capt. CHOKKAT, will be despatched as above TO-MORROW, the 29th Instant, at Noon.
For Freight or Passage, apply to JARDINE, MATHESON & Co., General Managers.
Hongkong, December 28, 1897. 2508

NAVIGAZIONE GENERALE ITALIANA.
(ROMA & RUBATINO UNITED COMPANIES).

STEAM FOR SINGAPORE, PENANG & BOMBAY.
Having connection with Company's Mail Steamers to ADEN, SUEZ, PORT SAID, MESSINA, NAPLES, LIGURIA, GENOA, also VENICE, and TRIESTE, all MEDITERRANEAN, ADRIATIC, LIGURIAN and SOUTH AMERICAN PORTS, up to CALAO. Taking Cargo at through rates to PERSIAN GULF and BAGDAD; also BARCELONA, VALENZA, ALICANTE, ALMERIA and MALAGA.

The Steamship *Letimiro*, Capt. BENITO, will be despatched as above on FRIDAY, the 3rd January, at Noon.
At Bombay the Steamers are discharging in Victoria Dock.
For further Particulars regarding Freight and Passage, apply to CARLOWITZ & Co., Agents.
Hongkong, December 27, 1897. 2531

OCEAN STEAMSHIP COMPANY.
FOR LONDON VIA SUEZ CANAL.

The Co.'s Steamship *Myrmidon*, Capt. BENITO, will be despatched as above on TUESDAY, the 4th January.

For Freight, apply to BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE, Agents.
Hongkong, December 23, 1897. 2456

FOR NEW YORK VIA SUEZ CANAL.
The Steamship *Yaroslavl*, Capt. BENITO, will be despatched as above on or about the 6th January, 1898.

To be followed by the S.S. *Hansen*, on or about the 31st January, 1898.
S.S. *Lyngby*, on or about 15th February, 1898.
S.S. *Ornel*, on or about 28th Feb., 1898.

For Freight, apply to SHEWAN, TOMES & Co., Agents.
Hongkong, December 20, 1897. 2493

Sailing Vessels.
FOR SAN FRANCISCO.

The 100 A.T. American Ship *New York*, FRANKO, Master, shortly expected here, will load for the above Port, and will have quick despatch.
For Freight, apply to SHEWAN, TOMES & Co., Agents.
Hongkong, October 20, 1897. 2119

Intimations.
NEW VICTORIA HOTEL.
ROTISSERIE.
Meals a la Carte.

CHOPS, STEAKS, etc., etc., at any time, between 7.30 a.m. and 11.30 p.m.
Monthly Boarders at Moderate Rates.
Madar & Farmer,
Proprietors.
Hongkong, September 3, 1896. 1786

THOMAS'S GRILL ROOM.
This Establishment has undergone extensive alterations. The DINING ROOM being now upstairs, and a large BILLIARD ROOM (having two New BURBROUGH and WATTS TABLES) being added to the Hotel.
Rooms for Private Drivers.
Entrances:—100 Howe Lane, Queen's Road, and Duddell Street.
J. C. GOODCHILD,
Manager.
1969 THOMAS'S GRILL ROOM.

WINDSOR HOTEL, HONGKONG.
THIS ESTABLISHMENT, situated in the elegant Building known as "CONNAUGHT HOUSE," offers First-Class Accommodation to Residents and Travellers. Passenger Elevator, from Entrance Hall to each Floor, in charge of experienced Attendants.
Favourable Arrangements made for Families and for Monthly or Extended Periods.
BILLIARDS.
P. BOHM,
Proprietor and Manager.
Hongkong, September 27, 1897. 1927

Mitsui Bussan Kaisha,
No. 6, Lee House Street, Praya Central.

HEAD OFFICE:—YOKO.
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AGENCIES:—
MILK COAL MINES.
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ONODA CEMENT CO., LTD.
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MILK COAL MINES, LTD.
TOKIO COTTON SPINNING MILLS, LTD.
HAWAIIAN COAST GUARD.
Hongkong, August 3, 1897. 1479

Mails.

U. S. Mail Line.
PACIFIC MAIL STEAMSHIP COMPANY.

VIA INLAND SEA OF JAPAN AND HONOLULU.

PROPOSED SAILINGS FROM HONGKONG.
City of Rio de Janeiro (via S'hai, N'saki, Inland Sea, and Yokohama)..... THURSDAY, Jan. 6, 1898, at noon.
City of Peking (via S'hai, N'saki, Inland Sea, Yokohama & Honolulu)..... TUESDAY, Jan. 25, at noon.

China (via Shanghai, Nagasaki, Kobe, Inland Sea, Yokohama & Honolulu)..... SATURDAY, Feb. 13, at noon.

THE U. S. Mail S.S. *CITY OF RIO DE JANEIRO*, will be despatched for SAN FRANCISCO, via SHANGHAI, NAGASAKI, KOBE, INLAND SEA and YOKOHAMA, on THURSDAY, the 6th January, 1898, at Noon, taking Passengers and Freight for Japan, the United States, and Europe.

Steamers of this line pass through the INLAND SEA OF JAPAN, and call at HONOLULU, and passengers are allowed to break their journey at any point en route.

Through Passage Tickets granted to England, France, and Germany by all trans-Atlantic lines of Steamers, and to the principal cities of the United States or Canada. Rates may be obtained on application.

Passengers holding through ORDERS TO EUROPE have the choice of the Overland Rail routes from San Francisco, including the SOUTHERN PACIFIC, CENTRAL PACIFIC, UNION PACIFIC, DENVER and RIO GRANDE and NORTHERN PACIFIC RAILWAYS; also the CANADIAN PACIFIC RAILWAY on payment of \$4 in addition to the regular tariff rates.

Passengers holding orders FOR OVERLAND CITIES in the United States have, between San Francisco and Chicago, the option of the SOUTHERN PACIFIC, CENTRAL PACIFIC, UNION PACIFIC, DENVER and RIO GRANDE and other direct connecting Railways, and from Chicago to destination, the choice of direct lines.

Particulars of the various routes can be had on application.
Special rates (first class only) are granted to Missionaries, members of the Navy, Military, Diplomatic, and Civil Services, to European officials in service of China, and to Government officials and their families.

Through Bills of Lading issued for transportation to Yokohama and other Japan Ports, to San Francisco, to Atlantic and Inland Cities of the United States, via Overland Railway, to Havana, Trinidad, and Demerara, and to ports in Mexico, Central and South America, by the Company's and connecting Steamers.

Freight will be received on board until 4 p.m. the day previous to sailing. Parcel Packages will be received at the office until 5 p.m., same day; all Parcel Packages should be marked to address in full; value of same is required.

Consular Invoices to accompany Cargo destined to points beyond San Francisco in the United States, should be sent to the Company's Office in Sealed Envelopes, addressed to the Collector of Customs at San Francisco.

For further information as to Passage and Freight, apply to the Agency of the Company, No. 7, Praya Central.

J. S. VAN BUREN,
Agent.
Hongkong, December 16, 1897. 2466

To Let.
TO LET.
WITH IMMEDIATE POSSESSION.
FIVE-ROOMED HOUSES—in STEWART TERRACE, THE PEAK.
Apply to MACWEN, FRICKEL & Co.,
Hongkong, November 20, 1897. 2289

TO LET.
MILANDONAN, MOUNT KELLET.
FURNISHED. Immediate entry. For Six Months only.
Apply to G. C. ANDERSON,
-13, Praya Central.
Hongkong, December 1, 1897. 2243

TO LET.
WESTWARD HO (late Shirley), BORMAN ROAD.
LARGE GODOWN on KOWLOON PEAK, suitable for the Storage of GENERAL MERCHANDISE or COAL.
GODOWNS Nos. 726 and 727; PRAYA EAST, WANCHAI.
Apply to LINSTED & DAVIS.
Hongkong, December 17, 1897. 2167

TO LET.
DWELLING HOUSES—
"BAHAR LODGE," at the PEAK. HOUSES in RIFON TERRACE, No. 18, HOLLYWOOD ROAD.
GODOWNS in BLOCK BUILDINGS, GODOWNS, PRAYA EAST.
FLOORS in STATION and ELGIN STREETS.
Apply to THE HONGKONG LAND INVESTMENT & AGENCY CO., LTD.
Hongkong, December 13, 1897. 1949

TO LET.
CREGGAN, THE PEAK—FURNISHED from 1st November.
Apply to THE HONGKONG LAND INVESTMENT & AGENCY CO., LTD.
Hongkong, October 27, 1897. 2133

Not Responsible for Debts.
Neither the Captain, the Agents, nor Owners will be Responsible for any Debt contracted by the Officers or Crew of the following Vessels, during their stay in Hongkong Harbour:—
"DRUMHURST," British 4-masted barque, Captain Wm. Smith.—Carlowitz & Co.,
Jas. F. Skowen.—Master.
New York, American ship, Captain Thomas Penbody.—Shewan, Tomes & Co.
St. Catherine, American barque, Capt. James Pittau.—Master.

THE BACK DOOR.
THE Series of Articles entitled "THE BACK DOOR," which appeared in the China Mail, have been reprinted, and may be obtained in Pamphlet Form.

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Mails.

STRAITS, OCEYON, AUSTRALIA, INDIA, ADEN, EGYPT, MEDITERRANEAN PORTS, PLYMOUTH AND LONDON.

Through Bills of Lading issued for DATA, VIA, PERSIAN GULF, CONTINENTAL AND AMERICAN PORTS.

THE S. S. *CHUSAN*, Captain E. STREET, carrying Her Majesty's Mails, will be despatched from this for BOMBAY, &c., on THURSDAY, the 30th December, at Noon, taking Passengers and Cargo for the above Ports.

All Cargo for France, and London will be transhipped at Colombo into a steamer proceeding direct to Marseilles and London.

Parcels will be received at this Office until 4 p.m. on the day before sailing. The contents and value of all packages are required.

Shippers are particularly requested to note the terms and conditions of the Company's Bills of Lading.

For further Particulars, apply to H. A. RITCHIE, Superintendent, P. & O. S. N. Co.'s Office, Hongkong, December 18, 1897. 2482

NORDDEUTSCHER LLOYD.

NOTICE.
STEAM FOR SINGAPORE, COLOMBO, ADEN, SUEZ, PORT SAID, NAPLES, GENOA, ANTWERP, BREMEN & HAMBURG.

PORTS IN THE LEVANT, BLACK SEA & BALTIC PORTS; LONDON, NEW YORK, BOSTON, BALTIMORE, NEW ORLEANS, GALVESTON & SOUTH AMERICAN PORTS.

THE COMPANY'S STEAMERS WILL CALL AT SOUTHAMPTON TO LAND PASSENGERS AND LUGGAGE.

N.B.—Cargo can be taken on through Bills of Lading for the principal places in RUSSIA.

PROPOSED SAILINGS FROM HONGKONG.

SUBJECT TO ALTERATION.
Prinz Heinrich..... Tuesday..... January 4.
Preussent..... Tuesday..... February 1.
Sachsen..... Tuesday..... March 1.

ON TUESDAY, the 4th day of January, 1898 at 9 a.m., the Company's S.S. *PRINZ HEINRICH*, Captain O. GÜPERS, with MAILS, PASSENGERS, FREIGHT, and CARGO, will leave this port as above, calling at NAPLES and GENOA.

Shipping Orders will be granted till Noon, on SATURDAY, the 1st January, Cargo and Species will be received on board until 5 p.m., on MONDAY, the 3rd January, and Parcels will be received at the Agency's Office until Noon, on MONDAY, the 3rd January. Contents of Packages are required. No Parcel Receipts will be signed for less than \$25.00, and Parcels should not exceed Two Feet Cubic in measurement.

The Steamer has splendid Accommodation and carries a Doctor and a Stewardess. Liqueur can be washed on board.

For further Particulars, apply to MELOERS & Co., Agents.
Hongkong, December 11, 1897. 2422

NOTICE.
COMPAGNIE DES MESSAGERIES MARITIMES.
PAQUEBOTS POSTE FRANCAIS.

STEAM FOR SAIGON, SINGAPORE, BATAVIA, COLOMBO, BOMBAY, ADEN, EGYPT, MARSEILLES, MEDITERRANEAN AND BLACK SEA PORTS, LONDON, HAVRE, BORDEAUX.

ALSO PORTS OF BRAZIL & RIVER PLATE.

ON WEDNESDAY, the 5th January, 1898, at Noon, the Company's Steamship *SALAZAR*, Capt. PAUL, with MAILS, PASSENGERS, FREIGHT, and CARGO, will leave this port for MARSEILLES via BOMBAY.

This Steamer connects at COLOMBO with the a.s. *Polynésie*, which vessel takes on her Passengers and Mails, leaving that Port on the 16th January, 1898, direct to SUEZ, PORT SAID and MARSEILLES.

Cargo and Species will be registered for London as well as for Marseilles, and accepted in transit through Marseilles for the principal Places of Europe.

Shipping Orders will be granted till Noon.

Cargo will be received on board until 4 p.m. Species and Parcels until 3 p.m. on the 4th January. (Parcels are not to be sent on board; they must be left at the Agency's Office).

Contents and value of Packages are required.

For further particulars, apply at the Company's Office.

G. DE CHAMPEAUX,
Agent.
Hongkong, December 23, 1897. 2520

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